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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$18 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for county planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/10/2022)

AN ACT appropriating \$18,000,000 from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues to the State Agriculture Development Committee for planning incentive grants to counties for farmland preservation purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. a. There is appropriated to the State Agriculture Development Committee the sum of \$18,000,000 from dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund,” established pursuant to section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-50), for the purpose of providing planning incentive grants to counties pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1) for up to 80% of the cost of acquisition of development easements on farmland for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this section.

b. The following applicants are eligible for funding with the monies appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section for eligible projects located in an agricultural development area approved pursuant to section 11 of P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-18):

| Applicant (County) | Municipality | Amount of Grant |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Burlington County | Bass River Twp | \$2,000,000 |
| | Bordentown Twp | |
| | Chesterfield Twp | |
| | Cinnaminson Twp | |
| | Eastampton Twp | |
| | Evesham Twp | |
| | Florence Twp | |
| | Hainesport Twp | |
| | Lumberton Twp | |
| | Mansfield Twp | |
| | Medford Twp | |
| | Moorestown Twp | |
| | Mount Laurel Twp | |
| | New Hanover Twp | |
| | North Hanover Twp | |
| | Pemberton Boro | |
| | Pemberton Twp | |
| | Shamong Twp | |
| | Southampton Twp | |
| | Springfield Twp | |
| | Tabernacle Twp | |
| | Washington Twp | |
| | Westampton Twp | |
| | Woodland Twp | |
| | Wrightstown Boro | |

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| Cumberland County | Commercial Twp | 2,000,000 |
| | Deerfield Twp | |
| | Fairfield Twp | |
| | Greenwich Twp | |
| | Hopewell Twp | |
| | Lawrence Twp | |
| | Maurice River Twp | |
| | Millville City | |
| | Shiloh Boro | |
| | Stow Creek Twp | |
| | Upper Deerfield Twp | |
| | Vineland City | |
| | | |
| Gloucester County | Clayton Boro | 2,000,000 |
| | East Greenwich Twp | |
| | Elk Twp | |
| | Franklin Twp | |
| | Glassboro Boro | |
| | Greenwich Twp | |
| | Harrison Twp | |
| | Logan Twp | |
| | Mantua Twp | |
| | Monroe Twp | |
| | Newfield Boro | |
| | South Harrison Twp | |
| | Swedesboro Boro | |
| | Washington Twp | |
| | West Deptford Twp | |
| | Woolwich Twp | |
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| Hunterdon County | Alexandria Twp | 2,000,000 |
| | Bethlehem Twp | |
| | Califon Boro | |
| | Clinton Twp | |
| | Delaware Twp | |
| | East Amwell Twp | |
| | Franklin Twp | |
| | Glen Gardner Boro | |
| | Hampton Boro | |
| | Holland Twp | |
| | Kingwood Twp | |
| | Lebanon Boro | |
| | Lebanon Twp | |
| | Raritan Twp | |
| | Readington Twp | |
| | Stockton Boro | |
| | Tewksbury Twp | |
| | Union Twp | |
| | West Amwell Twp | |
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| Middlesex County | Cranbury Twp | 2,000,000 |
| | East Brunswick Twp | |
| | Monroe Twp | |
| | North Brunswick Twp | |
| | Old Bridge Twp | |
| | Plainsboro Twp | |
| | Sayreville Boro | |

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| South Brunswick Twp | | |
| Monmouth County | Colts Neck Twp | 2,000,000 |
| | Farmingdale Boro | |
| | Freehold Twp | |
| | Holmdel Twp | |
| | Howell Twp | |
| | Manalapan Twp | |
| | Marlboro Twp | |
| | Middletown Twp | |
| | Millstone Twp | |
| | Roosevelt Boro | |
| | Tinton Falls Boro | |
| | Upper Freehold Twp | |
| | Wall Twp | |
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| Morris County | Boonton Twp | 1,000,000 |
| | Chester Boro | |
| | Chester Twp | |
| | Denville Twp | |
| | Harding Twp | |
| | Lincoln Park Boro | |
| | Long Hill Twp | |
| | Mendham Boro | |
| | Mendham Twp | |
| | Mine Hill Twp | |
| | Montville Twp | |
| | Mount Olive Twp | |
| | Randolph Twp | |
| | Rockaway Twp | |
| | Roxbury Twp | |
| | Washington Twp | |
| Salem County | Alloway Twp | 2,000,000 |
| | Carneys Point Twp | |
| | Elmer Boro | |
| | Elsinboro Twp | |
| | Lower Alloways Creek Twp | |
| | Mannington Twp | |
| | Oldmans Twp | |
| | Pilesgrove Twp | |
| | Pittsgrove Twp | |
| | Quinton Twp | |
| | Upper Pittsgrove Twp | |
| | Woodstown Boro | |
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| Somerset County | Bedminster Twp | 2,000,000 |
| | Bernards Twp | |
| | Bernardsville Boro | |
| | Branchburg Twp | |
| | Far Hills Boro | |
| | Franklin Twp | |
| | Hillsborough Twp | |
| | Millstone Boro | |
| | Montgomery Twp | |
| | Peapack-Gladstone Boro | |
| | Rocky Hill Boro | |

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| Warren Twp | | |
| Warren County | Allamuchy Twp | 1,000,000 |
| | Alpha Boro | |
| | Blairstown Twp | |
| | Franklin Twp | |
| | Frelinghuysen Twp | |
| | Greenwich Twp | |
| | Hardwick Twp | |
| | Harmony Twp | |
| | Hope Twp | |
| | Independence Twp | |
| | Knowlton Twp | |
| | Liberty Twp | |
| | Lopatcong Twp | |
| | Mansfield Twp | |
| | Oxford Twp | |
| | Pohatcong Twp | |
| | Washington Twp | |
| | White Twp | |
| TOTAL | | \$18,000,000 |

2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the “Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund,” established pursuant to section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-50), the sum of \$18,000,000 to implement the provisions of this act.

3. The expenditure of the sum appropriated by this act is subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.), P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1), P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-11 et seq.), and P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), as appropriate.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill appropriates \$18 million to the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) for the purpose of providing planning incentive grants to counties for up to 80% of the cost of acquisition of development easements on farmland for farmland preservation purposes. Under the bill, ten counties will each receive a “base grant” of either \$1 million or \$2 million, as specified in the bill.

The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution, approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.), implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic preservation. The “Preserve New

1 Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund” was established pursuant to
2 section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.”

3 The bill appropriates to the “Preserve New Jersey Farmland
4 Preservation Fund” moneys from the General Fund already
5 constitutionally dedicated to the “Preserve New Jersey Farmland
6 Preservation Fund” for the purpose of making the appropriations
7 required by this bill.

8 The allocations and projects listed in this bill have been
9 approved by the SADC and the Garden State Preservation Trust.